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SUBJECT: FRENCH GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN US EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS

1. THE FRENCH MINISTRY OF LABOR AND PARTICIPATION'S DELEGATION A L'EMPLOI (ROUGHLY EQUIVALENT TO CETA) HAS CONTACTED US WITH A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE US TO STUDY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS. INITIAL DISCUSSIONS REVEAL THAT THE LABOR MINISTRY AND THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN TO SEND A JOINT FOUR PERSON DELEGATION TO THE US IN EARLY OCTOBER TO MAKE THE STUDY, AND THAT FUNDS HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR THE TRIP. THE DELEGATION, HOWEVER, HAS NOT YET BEEN SELECTED.

- 2. FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, THE MINISTRIES WANT TO CONFINE THE VISIT TO THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR, AND WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING GENERAL INTERESTS:
 - A) CAREER COUNSELING FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS,
 - B) APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS,
 - C) THE ROLES OF BUSINESS AND UNIONS IN JOB

TRAINING PROGRAMS

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AND PROGRAMS FOR RURAL YOUTH.

3. THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION AS TO WHAT KINDS OF CETA PROGRAMS EXIST IN THE NEW YORK-BALTIMORE-WASHINGTON AREAS, WHICH THEY MIGHT VISIT, SO AS TO SELECT THOSE OF MOST INTEREST AND RELEVANCE TO THEIR STUDY.

4. WE HAVE PROVIDED THE MINISTRY WITH A GENERAL BRIEFING ON CETA AND A XEROX OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE LATEST EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR WOULD PROVIDE US WITH PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS FOR TRANSMITTAL TO THE FRENCH.

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